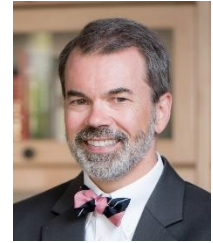


# Testimony for the Judiciary Committee Public Hearing

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## Introduction

Despite the repeated pronouncements by the United States Supreme Court that the rights of parents to make essential decisions about the care and custody of their children are “fundamental” (*Troxel v. Granville*, 120 S. Ct. 2054 (2000); *Meyer v. Nebraska*, 262 U.S. 390 (1923)), the ability of parents to make decisions supporting their children’s health and success is undermined by multiple forces, including (1) media and popular culture that encourage parents to believe that only constant adult supervision will keep their children safe, and (2) practices of cultural shaming of parents who fail to adhere to an unattainable norm of hyper-vigilance. Vague statutes exacerbate the problem, enabling law enforcement and child protection authorities to condemn parental choices that fail to adhere to the new hyper-protective norms. Parents and children are both victimized by this trend, particularly in communities already marginalized by society. The costs and burdens of parenting have skyrocketed, and children are denied the opportunity to explore and to exercise reasonable levels of independence, levels that were the norm as little as thirty years ago.

A few visionary states, Connecticut now included, have taken up legislation to protect families, and children, from overreach by state authorities, who face the unenviable task of trying to protect children from “neglect,” equipped with nothing but vague statutes that impose startlingly subjective standards. The current law in Connecticut is a glaring example, it defines neglect as “permit[ting a child] to live under conditions, circumstances or associations injurious to the well-being of the child.”

It is hard to imagine a more subjective rule that “injurious to the well-being of the child,” particularly in a society where parenting philosophies vary so widely, and which are the subject of profound disagreement, debate, and discussion. As a result, any busybody who disapproves of your parenting choices can call in a “neglect” complaint and unleash a nightmarish sequence of events that will threaten and disrupt your family. If you want to avoid findings of neglect – which can result in loss of custody of your own children, not to mention serious criminal penalties – you can no longer trust your parenting instincts and must err on the side of over-protection. Otherwise, your neighbors and ultimately the authorities, who feel like they know better than you do what is best for your child, may be in a position to literally break up your family.

**I sounded the alarm about the danger of these vague statutes and their arbitrary enforcement 11 years ago in my article, “Criminal Child Neglect and the Free-Range Kid: Is Overprotection the New Standard of Care?” In the years since, I have written more, exploring the underlying legal and practical issues, most recently – just last month in the *Pepperdine Law Review* – analyzing how state legislatures may, most effectively, remedy the problem:** (<https://digitalcommons.pepperdine.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2630&context=plr>)

- David Pimentel, *Legislating Childhood Independence*, 50 PEPP. L. REV. 285 (2023)
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- David Pimentel, *Criminal Child Neglect and the "Free Range Kid": Is Overprotective Parenting the New Standard of Care?*, 2012 UTAH L. REV. 947 (2012)

The highest courts in Maryland and Kansas have cited, quoted, and relied upon my work in overturning criminal convictions in child endangerment cases (*See State v. Cummings*, 297 Kan. 716, 726-27 (2013), *Hall v. State*, 448 Md. 318, 332-33 (2016)). But the problem is primarily in the statutes.

Is it injurious to a child's well-being to let her venture out in the neighborhood to deliver newspapers? Or is it injurious to deprive her of that opportunity to learn responsibility? Is it injurious to refuse a child's request for something to eat – telling him to wait for dinner? Or is it injurious to allow the child to snack whenever he feels like it? Maybe both? Reasonable parents will certainly disagree, but under the existing law parents on both sides of the question could be deemed guilty of neglect. What about letting a child play high school football?

These are difficult judgment calls parents have to make many times a day, and they often worry about whether they are getting them right or wrong. But overwhelmingly, parents make these decisions based on what they genuinely believe is best for their child. It does great violence to the family, and to the parent-child relationship, if parents have to make these decisions worrying about how authorities may second guess them and accuse them of neglect or endangerment.

#### Listing permissible activities

Accordingly, some of the best statutes on childhood independence list activities that should not, standing alone, constitute neglect, like walking to school or playing at the park.

Lists are great, in terms of reassuring parents. If the parents know that leaving their ten-year-old unsupervised at home for an hour is not alone sufficient to support a finding of neglect, they may be emboldened to do so, trusting their own judgment without fear of official censure or other legal consequences. If our purpose is to reassure and protect parents, it may be critical to enable them to cite chapter and verse about why what they are doing is legal.

*Legislating Childhood Independence*, 50 PEPP. L. REV. 285, 331 (2023). At the same time, the lists should not be too long or specific, as this invites local authorities and courts to assume anything that is not on the list is somehow forbidden. Ultimately, parents should not have to look to the state for permission to apply their own best judgment in parenting their children; the state should not be the ultimate authority for how best to raise a child. The legislation needs to make clear that – with few exceptions – we trust parents with those judgment calls: they're the ones who know the particular child best, and presumably love them most.

Senate Bill 1133 includes such a list – not too long and not too specific – with the proviso that permissible activities “are not limited to” the listed items. This is important language in any such statute, and Senate Bill 1133 gets it right.

#### Setting Standards in Terms of the Child's Maturity, Condition, and Abilities

It is tempting to draft a bill that gives age limits stating, for example, that a child younger than ten should not be left alone, or that an infant should not be left in the care of anyone under the age of 14. Indeed, such bright line rules would be helpful to parents who need to be reassured that what they're doing is legal. But the far better

approach is to recognize that every child is different. The parents know better than anyone what this child is capable of and ready for.

Senate Bill 1133, again, gets this right. But it does even better. It doesn't just defer to the child's maturity, condition, and abilities, but to the parent's (or caregiver's) "*knowledge* of the child's maturity, condition, and abilities" (emphasis added). If we want to protect parents, and their ability to parent in the best way they know how, we have to recognize that they know things about their own children that neighbors or child protection professionals do not, and we need to reassure them that they will not be penalized for failing to know everything.

#### The Parent's Mens Rea – how blameworthy is the conduct, and how speculative is the harm

We all make mistakes, parents included. It is probably impossible to find a parent who doesn't regret one or more of their parenting decisions (they are forced to make so many of them, often on the spur of the moment, in times of stress and difficulty). But we don't want the law to punish the parent for every misstep or lapse of judgment. Indeed, when parents are charged with neglect, when children are removed (or when there are threats to remove them), the children suffer enormously. Accordingly, the statute needs to make clear that neglect can be found only when the parent's actions of arguable neglect or endangerment are conscious, or willful, or blatant.

Again, Senate Bill 1133 gets this right, making it clear that there can be no finding of neglect unless the parents (or caregivers) "wilfully or recklessly disregard ... an obvious danger." The daily minor lapses should not be actionable neglect, even if, with the benefit of hindsight, one might conclude that they may have been somehow injurious to the child's well-being. But if the risks rise to the level of real "danger," and the danger is "obvious," and the parent "wilfully or recklessly" disregards it, the state has a *parens patriae* responsibility to act, to protect the child, and in those situations, it is certainly appropriate to find neglect. This bill clarifies that. Mere hypothetical possibilities are not enough; one's ability to imagine harm to a child is not enough. (Cf. the case in South Carolina where the mother was arrested, charged and prosecuted, after her child had wandered outside for 10-15 minutes unsupervised; the arresting officer justified the arrest, in an startling exercise of imagination, by asserting that the child could have been kidnapped or bitten by snakes, noting how snakes don't need more than a few minutes to strike. <https://parentsusa.org/media/>.)

#### Who is at risk

Without legislation like this, families are likely to come under attack. The discretion of child protection authorities and law enforcement to substitute their own parenting judgment for that of the actual parents must be reined in. Otherwise, parents – particularly those who don't conform to white, middle-class, cultural norms – will be second-guessed and their families will be disrupted. No doubt these laws have been applied disproportionately against single moms and poor families (who already have fewer resources to devote to helicopter parenting their kids), against ethnic and cultural minorities including immigrants (who may bring different cultural traditions and values to their parenting), and against anyone whose parenting style might be characterized as unconventional (including those who believe in long-leash or "Free Range" parenting to, among other things, teach their kids responsibility). If I had more time and space, I could devote considerable attention to examples, including Japanese families who trust very young children to carry out meaningful tasks (see the Netflix series *Old Enough*, <https://time.com/6167580/old-enough-netflix/>), Latino and Native American families who have traditionally entrusted child care responsibilities to older siblings (e.g. <https://brain-childmag.com/2014/01/guilty-as-charged/>), Scandinavian families who believe it is healthiest for their babies to nap outdoors in the frigid air (e.g. <http://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-21537988>). But you get the idea.

## Extent of the problem

Some may question how serious the problem is, noting that few cases have shown up in the Connecticut appellate courts on this topic. It is always hard to find appellate cases, but that is because parents have huge incentives to plead out, to settle their cases in ways that allow them to keep their kids. So they don't appeal. This is a major theme in my 2016 article in the *Cardozo Law Review*:

Parents caught in this nightmare are well advised to cooperate quickly, apologize profusely, and promise it won't happen again—effectively waiving their rights to raise their children as they see fit—in order to avoid having their children taken away from them. But unless they assert their constitutional rights in these cases, those rights will not be litigated or adjudicated. Indeed, it appears that in many of these cases, those rights are being disregarded altogether.

*Protecting the Free-Range Kid: Recalibrating Parents' Rights and the Best Interest of the Child*, 38 *CARDOZO L. REV.* 1, 5 (2016).

Lenore Skenazy gives a compelling example of this phenomenon occurring in Connecticut, specifically in Killingly. <https://reason.com/2023/01/30/dunkin-donuts-parents-arrested-kids-cops-freedom/?amp> The parents who dared to let their kids walk to Dunkin' Donuts without parental supervision could have asserted their constitutional rights to parent their kids as they see fit (and maybe we would have gotten an appellate opinion out of it), but as Skenazy tells that story, the parents were told they would be arrested and that their kids would be taken from them if they did so. So of course they didn't. And their parenting rights were thoroughly chilled by the threat of prosecution: they didn't let their kids walk anywhere alone for years after that. In at least this one example, and probably many more, parents in Connecticut are being bullied into a style of parenting they disagree with – effectively forced to waive their constitutional rights as parents and to deprive their children of developmental learning opportunities. This is the practical effect of current law in Connecticut because the current law empowers law enforcement and child protection authorities to coerce them.

That's why we can't expect the courts to solve this problem for us. The responsibility falls to the legislature to amend the law to ensure that families can no longer be victimized in this way.

## Conclusion

Although all of the childhood independence bills introduced in the several states share the same good intentions, Senate Bill 1133 avoids problems identified in a number of those statutes and speaks meaningfully to the problem at hand. Connecticut needs to fix its current statute and replace it with one that gives space to parents to parent as they see fit and that enables children to learn independence. If we get this wrong, it will not be just the parents that suffer; it will not be just families that suffer. The biggest losers may be the very kids we are trying to protect.

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- 2015-present **Routledge**, London, UK (Re: Politics and Human Rights in Sudan and South Sudan)
- 2015-present **State University of New York Press**, Albany NY (Re: Rule of Law in Post-Communist States)
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- 2016-present **Rubriq** (Re: Shari'a in Common Law Jurisdictions)
- 2016-present **Law & Social Inquiry** (Re: Colonial Influence in the Rule of Law in Sub-Saharan Africa)
- 2017-present **Criminology & Public Policy** (Re: Forfeitures)
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- University of Idaho, Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival**, Moscow Idaho (February 25, 2022) “Music and the Rule of Law: from Blues to Hip-Hop” presentation

- 2021 **Delta State University, International Conference on the Blues**, Cleveland, Mississippi (October 1, 2021) “Music and the Rule of Law: The Blues’s legacy in legal reform augurs a future role for Hip-Hop” presentation
- Institute of Religion (at University of Idaho)**, Moscow, Idaho (April 9, 2021) “I’m a Stranger Here Myself,” presentation reflecting on experiences doing court reform in various countries, and the role that culture plays in concepts of justice and of faith
- Washington State University**, Pullman, Washington (March 18, 2021) guest lecture in history, “International Response to Genocide – the case(s) of the former Yugoslavia”
- 2020 **University of Idaho, Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival**, Moscow Idaho (February 22-23, 2019) “The Blues and the Rule of Law: Musical Expressions of the Failure of Justice” presentation
- Transportation Research Board 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**, Washington, DC (Jan. 14-15, 2020)
- “Innovation in a Legal Vacuum: The Uncertain Legal Landscape for Shared Micro-mobility” (with Ronald W. Pimentel) – poster session
  - “If You Provide, Will They Ride? Motivators and Deterrents to Bikeshare” (with Ronald W. Pimentel) – poster session
- 2019 **University of Idaho, College of Law**, Moscow Idaho (November 6, 2019) “Genocide – Thoughts and Reflections” – panel presentation
- PacTrans CSET Regional Transportation Conference, University of Washington**, Seattle WA (October 11, 2019) “Innovation in a Legal Vacuum: The Uncertain Legal Landscape for Shared Micro-mobility” (with Michael B. Lowry, Timothy W. Koglin, and Ronald W. Pimentel) – poster session
- Brigham Young University**, Provo UT (March 28, 2019) “Promoting the Rule of Law Abroad” – lecture to over 200 pre-law students
- University of Idaho, Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival**, Moscow Idaho (February 22-23, 2019) “The Blues and the Rule of Law: Musical Expressions of the Failure of Justice” presentation
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society**, New Orleans (January 2, 2019) “Punishing Families for Being Poor: How Child Protection Interventions Threaten the Right to Parent while Impoverished” paper presentation
- 2018 **Malcolm M. Renfrew Interdisciplinary Colloquium, University of Idaho**, Moscow, Idaho (December 4, 2018) “Promoting the Rule of Law Abroad: Noble Pursuit or Fool’s Errand?”
- University of Idaho, Bellwood Lecture Immigration Law & Policy Series**, Moscow, Idaho (October 23, 2018) “Emerging Security Threats for the Next Decade,” moderated panel that included former Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff
- Washington State University**, Pullman, Washington (October 14, 2018) guest lecture in history, “International Response to Genocide – the case(s) of the former Yugoslavia”
- Int’l Academy for the Study of the Jurisprudence of the Family, Symposium on the “Family and Poverty,”** Manila, Philippines (June 20-21, 2018) “Denying the Poor the Privilege of Parenting: How State Intervention in Parenting Choices Discriminates Against the Poor and Disempowered” paper presentation
- Charles Koch Institute**, “Future of Policing” policy working group (May 9, 2018) presentation on “State-Based Forfeiture Reform”
- University of Idaho, Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival**, Moscow Idaho (February 23-24, 2018) “The Blues and the Rule of Law: Musical Expressions of the Failure of Justice” presentation
- 2017 **Int’l Academy for the Study of the Jurisprudence of the Family, Symposium on the “Judicial Protection of the Family: Too Little or Too Much?”**, Białystok, Poland (July 19-20, 2017) “Impact of Obergefell” paper presentation

- Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica**, Heredia, Costa Rica (June 20, 2017)  
 “Post-Conflict Justice” guest lecture
- Kootenai County Bar Association**, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho (May 1, 2017)  
 “Civil Forfeitures as an Assault on Property Rights: Can New State Legislation Address the Problem Where Federal Legislation Has Failed?” CLE Presentation
- ABA Center on Children and the Law**, Fifth National Parent Attorney Conference: Valuing Dignity and Respect for All Families, Tysons Corner, VA (April 26, 2017) “When can Parents Let Children be Alone? Labeling Parents Neglectful in an Age of State-Enforced Helicopter Parenting Norms” panel
- Brigham Young University**, Provo UT (March 9, 2017)  
 “Promoting the Rule of Law Abroad” – lecture to over 200 pre-law students
- University of Idaho, Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival**, Moscow Idaho (February 24-25, 2017) “The Blues and the Rule of Law: Musical Expressions of the Failure of Justice and of Extra-Legal Recourse” presentation
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society**, San Francisco (January 3, 2017)  
 “Civil Asset Forfeiture Abuses: Can State Legislation Solve the Problem?” paper presentation
- 2016 **Federalist Society / Environmental Law Society**, University of Idaho (November 3, 2106)  
 “Climate Change and Regulation” panel presentation
- Delta State University, International Conference on the Blues**, Cleveland, Mississippi (October 3, 2016) “The Rule of Law and the Blues: Musical Expressions of the Failure of Justice and of Extra-legal Recourse” presentation
- Inland Northwest Scholars’ Conference**, Gonzaga University, Spokane WA (July 31, 2016)  
 “Forfeitures and the Eighth Amendment: the Excessive Fines Clause as a Check on Government Seizures” paper presentation
- Int’l Academy for the Study of the Jurisprudence of the Family, Symposium on the Jurisprudence of Family Relations**, San Pablo Catholic University Faculty of Law, Arequipa Peru (June 15-16, 2016)  
 “Judging Parents” paper presentation; chaired panel on same-sex marriage issues
- Law and Society Association**, New Orleans, LA (June 2, 2016)  
 “Judging Parents: Problems with State Enforcement of Parenting Norms” organized and chaired roundtable discussion
- Institute of Religion (at University of Idaho)**, Moscow, Idaho (May 6, 2016) “I’m a Stranger Here Myself,” presentation reflecting on experiences doing court reform in various countries, and the role that culture plays in concepts of justice and of faith
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society**, New York, NY (January 6, 2016)  
 “Parental Rights and ‘The Best Interest of the Child’: Rebalancing the Roles of State and Family” paper presentation
- 2015 **Law & Economics Center at George Mason University**, Aventura FL (December 13, 2015)  
 “Judicial Independence and Judicial Accountability” presentation at Workshop for Law Professors on the Economics of the Rule of Law
- Brigham Young University School of Law**, Provo UT (October 12, 2015)  
 “The Impact of *Obergefell*: Traditional Marriage’s New Lease on Life?” at Symposium on “The Implications of *Obergefell v. Hodges* for Families, Faith and the Future”
- Thailand Institute of Justice**, Bangkok, Thailand (September 29, 2015)  
 “Balancing Judicial Independence and Accountability” – presented day-long seminar
- Inland Northwest Scholars’ Conference**, University of Idaho, Boise ID (July 31, 2015)

“Parental Rights and ‘The Best Interest of the Child’: Rebalancing the Roles of State and Family,” paper presentation

**Int’l Academy for the Study of the Jurisprudence of the Family, Symposium on the Jurisprudence of Family Relations**, Ono Academic College, Tel Aviv, Israel (June 8-9, 2015)

“Parental Rights and ‘The Best Interest of the Child’: Rebalancing the Roles of State and Family”

**Law and Society Association**, Seattle WA (May 30, 2015)

“Legal Education as a Rule of Law Strategy – Problems and Opportunities with U.S.-based Programs” paper presentation

**Federalist Society**, Ohio Northern University (February 24, 2015)

“Globalization: the Answer to International Poverty?” panel, responding to remarks by Doug Bandow of the CATO Institute

**J. Reuben Clark Law Society**, Arizona State University (February 13, 2015)

moderated panel of law school deans from the Arizona law schools and BYU

2014

**Federalist Society**, Ohio Northern University (September 16, 2014)

“The Rise and Fall of Detroit: How Government Ruined One of the World's Greatest Cities” panel, responding to remarks by Mario Loyola, Senior Fellow at the Texas Public Policy Foundation

**Center for Democratic Governance and Rule of Law**, Ohio Northern University, Ada, OH (April 11, 2014)

“The Rwandan Genocide – 20 Years of Hindsight” panel discussion organizer and participant

**Center for Democratic Governance and Rule of Law**, Ohio Northern University, Ada, OH (March 25, 2014) “The Crisis in Ukraine: What is Happening and What Does it Mean?” panel discussion organizer and moderator

**J. Reuben Clark Law Society**, University of Missouri – Kansas City (February 15, 2014)

“Avenues into Legal Academia” conference panel organizer and moderator

**Ohio Legal Scholarship Workshop**, Ohio Northern University, Ada, OH (January 25, 2014)

“Forfeitures as Excessive Fines: Finding a Practical and Principled Approach for Eighth Amendment Protection”

2013

**Brigham Young University**, Provo UT (November 7, 2013)

“Promoting the Rule of Law Abroad”

**Center for Human Rights and Genocide Studies**, University of North Dakota

*Visiting Fellow* (October 14-16, 2013)

- “South Sudan: Building a New Nation through the Courthouse and the Schoolhouse” (panelist)
- “Narratives of Judicial and Extra-Judicial Transition in Romania” (panelist)
- “Promoting the Rule of Law and Human Rights in Post-Conflict Societies: Practical and Ethical Dilemmas for the Modern Day Imperialist” (keynote address)
- “Chemical Weapons in Syria: Prospects for Justice, Intervention and Post-Conflict Healing” (panelist)

**Ohio Wesleyan University**, Delaware OH (October 11, 2013)

“Promoting the Rule of Law Abroad”

**Int’l Academy for the Study of the Jurisprudence of the Family, Symposium on the Jurisprudence of Family Relations**, Yeshiva University, New York NY (June 10-11, 2013)

“State Intervention in Parental Discretion: Enforcing Overprotective Norms”

**Law and Society Association**, Boston, MA

- “Promoting the Rule of Law in Precarious Places: Noble Pursuit or Fool's Errand?” Roundtable Discussion Chair (May 31, 2013)
- “The Syrian Civil War: Prospects for Intervention, Justice and Post-Conflict Rebuilding” Roundtable Discussion Participant (June 1, 2013)

- Int'l Jurists Union, International Symposium on Human Rights and the Islamic World: The Case of Iraq**, Istanbul, Turkey (May 23-24, 2013)  
 “Judicial Independence and the Role of Shari’a in a Modern Constitutional Democracy”
- Rule of Law Collaborative**, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC  
 Interagency Training on Rule of Law for federal personnel from DOJ, DOD, DOS, and USAID  
 “Interagency Rule of Law Planning – the Case of South Sudan” Washington DC (16 March 2013)
- Carhart Symposium**, Ohio Northern University, Ada, OH (April 12, 2013)  
 “Law and Religion in Conflict: Problems for Ethical Lawyering” – discussant
- 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Criminal Law Symposium**, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX (April 5, 2013)  
 “Juveniles and Criminal Law: When are (should) juveniles (be) tried as juveniles and when as adults?”
- Ohio Legal Scholarship Workshop**, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (February 2, 2013)  
 “Trying Juveniles as Adults in an Era of Extended Adolescence”
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society**, New Orleans, LA (4 January 2013) paper presentation  
 “Legal Standards for Parental Care: the ‘Free Range Kid’ in an Era of Overprotective Parenting”
- 2012 **Central States Law Schools Association**, Cleveland, OH (19 October 2012)  
**Southeastern Association of Law Schools**, Amelia Island, FL (2 August 2012)  
 New Scholars’ Panel: “Criminal Child Endangerment and the ‘Free-Range Kid’: Is Overprotection the New Standard of Care?”
- JAG School**, Charlottesville, VA (11 July 2012)  
 Lecture on “‘Blended’ Legal Systems: Legal Pluralism and the Rule of Law”; served also on a panel with Int’l Committee of the Red Cross and USAID representatives on working with NGOs
- Rule of Law Collaborative**, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC  
 Interagency Training on Rule of Law for federal personnel from DOJ, DOD, DOS, and USAID
- “Working with NGOs and International Rule of Law Actors” Washington DC (15 March 2012), Columbia, SC (7 May 2012), Washington, DC (7 June 2012)
  - “Interagency Rule of Law Planning– the Case of South Sudan” Washington DC (16 March 2012), Columbia, SC (8 May 2012), Washington DC (8 June 2012)
  - “‘Blended’ Legal Systems: Legal Pluralism and the Rule of Law” Columbia, SC (May 9, 2012)
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society**, Washington, DC (4 January 2012)  
 “Establishing a Framework for Forfeiture Procedure”
- 2011 **Asian Constitutional Law Forum**, The University of Hong Kong (18 December 2011)  
 “Judicial Independence at the Crossroads: Grappling with Ideology and History in the New Nepali Constitution”
- Florida Coastal School of Law, Alumni Day**, Jacksonville FL (21 October 2011)  
 Keynote address: “Establishing the Rule of Law in Post-conflict Societies”
- Melikşah University, Int’l Constitutional Symposium**, Kayseri, Turkey (10 October 2011)  
 “Judicial Independence on Trial: Tensions and Compromises in Pursuit of the Rule of Law”
- Boğaziçi Lawyers Ass’n, International Congress on Constitutional Law** “Katılımcı Anayasa” (“Deliberative/Pluralistic Constitution”) Istanbul, Turkey (7-8 October 2011)  
 “Independence of the Judiciary”
- University of Washington**, “Learning from Tradition: Tribal Justice and the Rule of Law,” Seattle, Washington (June 16-17, 2011) “Maximizing Traditional Justice: Legal Pluralism and the Rule of Law”
- Université d’Auvergne**, “L’hégémonie du droit américain et son impact en France: Mythe ou réalité?” Clermont-Ferrand, France (June 16, 2011) (with Sonya Hoener)  
 “Parole à accusé: L’américanisation du droit, point de vue d’un américain en France”

- Constitutional Complaint International Symposium**, Hukuk Adamları Birliği (Turkish Judges' Union), Ankara, Turkey (May 13, 2011) "Individual Application to the Constitutional Court in Other Countries"
- Istanbul University, Int'l Congress on Constitutional Law**, Istanbul, Turkey (May 12, 2011)  
Chaired panel on "The Rule of Law, Judicial Reform, Independence and Impartiality of the Judiciary"; presented paper on "Judicial Governance: Independence and Accountability as a Product of Constitutional Structure"
- Amity University, Institute for Advanced Legal Studies**, New Delhi, India (May 9, 2011)  
"Rethinking the Tension between Judicial Independence and Accountability: the Role of Court Structure" at a conference on "Religion and Governance in a Secular State"
- G.P.K. Centre for Democracy, Peace & Development, Tribhuvan University, and the Nepal Bar Ass'n**, Kathmandu, Nepal (May 6-7, 2011)  
Chaired panels and made presentations on "Judicial Independence in the New Nepali Constitution," "Rule of Law in Post-Conflict Nepal," and "Property Rights Under the New Constitution."
- University of Tuzla**, Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina (April 6, 2011)  
"Comparative Legal Culture and the Role of the Judiciary – Lessons for Rule of Law Reform"
- 2010 **Government of Montenegro, Ministry of Justice**, Budva, Montenegro (Nov. 16, 2010)  
"Approach to a Court Network Reorganization Project in Montenegro" (funded by OSCE)
- Southeastern Association of Law Schools**, Palm Beach FL (August 4, 2010) panel  
"From *Crow Dog* to *Ted Bundy*: Restorative and Retributive Justice as a Cultural Divide"
- Supreme Court Bar Association**, Kathmandu, Nepal (18 July 2010) lecture  
"Judicial Independence and Accountability in the Post-conflict State"
- UN Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights / Constitutional Lawyers' Forum**, Kathmandu, Nepal (17 July 2010) "The Independence of the Judiciary and Constitutional Courts"
- Centre for Constitutional Dialogue (UNDP)**, Kathmandu, Nepal, (16 July 2010) speech  
"How to Ensure and Strengthen Access to Justice in the Federal System"
- State and Non-State Justice Provision Conference**, Maputo, Mozambique (29 April 2010)  
"The Dynamics of Legal Pluralism in Mozambique," paper presentation on panel
- University of North Florida**, Jacksonville, Florida (30 March 2010) guest lecture in history,  
"International Efforts to Suppress Genocide and Other Crimes Against Humanity"
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society** Salt Lake City, Utah (12 February 2010)  
"So You Want to be a Law Professor: Avenues into Academia" moderated conference panel
- American Association of Law Schools**, New Orleans, Louisiana (10 January 2010) panel  
"New Voices in Human Rights" Panel – paper presentation on customary law in Sudan
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society**, New Orleans, Louisiana (6 January 2010)  
"Rule of Law Reform without Cultural Imperialism" paper presentation at conference
- 2009 **United States Institute of Peace, George Washington University, World Bank**, Washington, DC (16-17 November 2009) paper presentation  
"Customary Justice and Legal Pluralism in Post-Conflict and Fragile Societies"
- Franklin Pierce Law Center**, Concord, NH (9 March 2009) guest lecture  
"Building the Rule of Law in Post-Conflict Society – Lessons from Bosnia and Sudan"
- Nepal Constitution Consortium**, Kathmandu (13-15 February 2009)  
"Issues and Challenges for the Judiciary in the New Nepali Constitution" presented and moderated multiple panels at the conference

- J. Reuben Clark Law Society**, San Diego, California (6 January 2009) paper presentation  
“The Reluctant Tattle-tale” on federal judicial discipline
- 2008 **Stetson University School of Law**, St. Petersburg, Florida (15 November 2008)  
Junior Faculty Forum: “The Reluctant Tattle-tale” on federal judicial discipline
- International Association for Court Administration**, Dublin, Ireland (23 April 2008)  
“Achieving Justice in Southern Sudan” presentation at the conference
- University of North Dakota**, Grand Forks, North Dakota (8 April 2008)  
“Child Protection Challenges in Southern Sudan: The Legacy of Culture & Conflict” presentation at the conference on international rights of the child
- 2004 **Academy of European Law**, Trier, Germany (6 April 2004)  
“The Rights and Treatment of Detainees [in International Criminal Tribunals]” lecture
- 1999 **Federal Judicial Center**, Washington, DC  
“All About the Circuit Executive” developed and delivered a live, nation-wide ethics training broadcast for federal court judges and staff (with Mike Siegel & Robin Donaghue)
- 1997 **U.S Courts for the Ninth Circuit**, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Boise, Honolulu, Anchorage  
Developed and delivered ½-day ethics courses, to federal court staff in nine federal courts

#### Honors

- 2014 **Fowler V. Harper Award for Excellence in Legal Scholarship**, awarded to one faculty member each year at Ohio Northern University’s Claude W. Pettit College of Law
- 2010-11 **Fulbright Scholar**, University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 2007 **William R. McMahon Award**, awarded by the American Bar Association for leadership in the field of technology in the courts
- 1998 **Tom C. Clark Award**, distinction reserved for one Supreme Court Fellow each year, presented by Chief Justice Rehnquist and the family of the late Justice Tom C. Clark
- 1997-98 **Supreme Court Fellow**, United States Supreme Court Fellows Commission. Washington, DC
- 1996 **Circuit Executive’s Award**, U.S. Courts for the Ninth Circuit, for exceptional performance
- 1987 **Robert P. Cowell Fellowship** in Labor Law, U.C. Berkeley School of Law

#### Professional Training

- 1992-98 **Institute for Court Management**, Williamsburg, Virginia  
Completed *Court Executive Development Program*, a part-time, in-service training program for court professionals, including a thesis; named an ICM Fellow in April 1998
- 1993 **National Judicial College**, Reno, Nevada  
Completed a full-week course in Indian tribal court jurisdiction

#### Associations

- 2017-present **International Journal on the Jurisprudence of the Family**, Managing Editor
- 2015-present **International Academy for the Study of the Jurisprudence of the Family**  
2016-present Executive Board member
- 1989-present **American Bar Association**, member  
2007-present Committee on Rule of Law and International Courts, ABA Judges’ Division  
2007-present Committee on Judicial Affairs, ABA International Law Section

1993-97	<b>State Bar of California, Committee on Federal Courts</b> , (ex officio) federal court liaison
1994-97	<b>Alameda County Bar Association</b> , Legislation Committee (vice-chair, 1997)
1996-97	Subcommittee on State Bar/Legal Practice, chair

Community

1995-2014	<b>União Portuguesa do Estado da California</b> (California Portuguese Union), Council No. 1
1981-present	<b>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints</b> , various volunteer positions including full-time missionary (Southern Italy, 1981-83)

<u>Language</u>	Italian
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**BAR ADMISSIONS**

1988	Washington State Bar
1998	United States Supreme Court
1991	Hawaii State Bar (inactive)
1991	California State Bar (inactive)